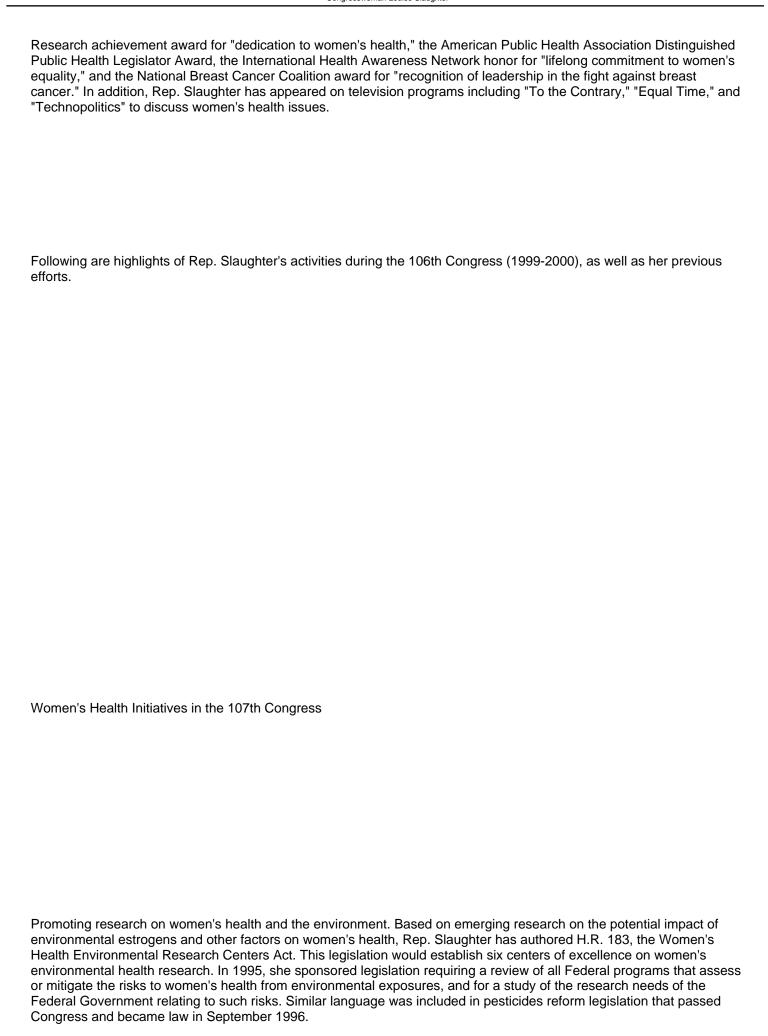
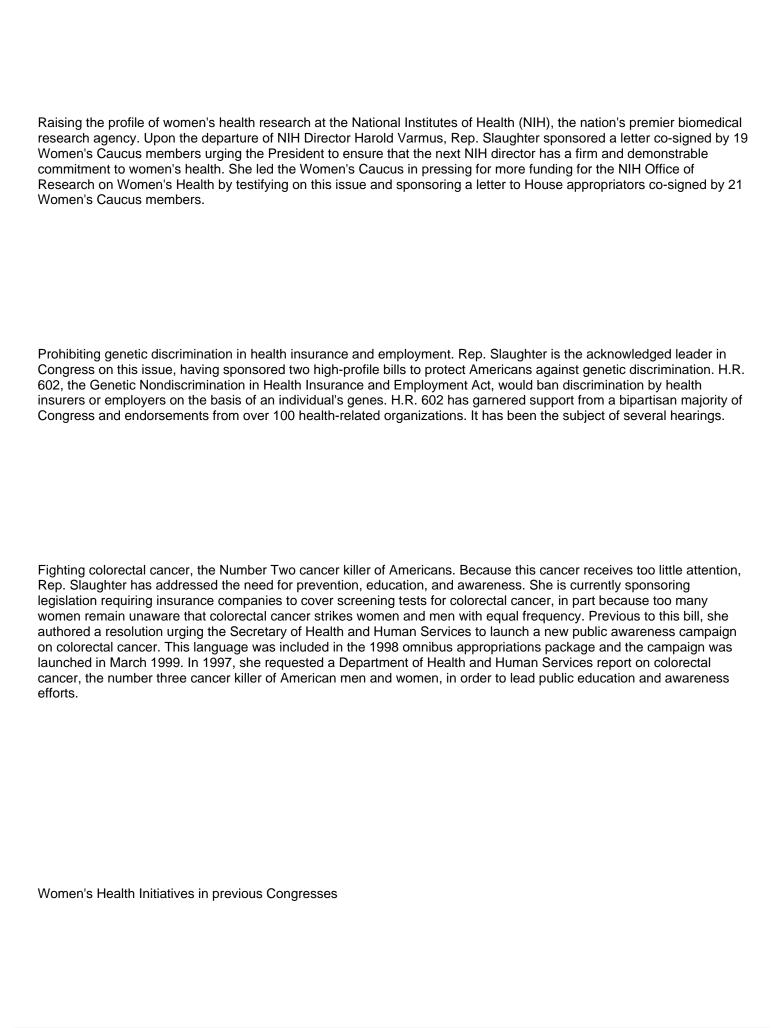
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Women's Health
A Leader on Women's Health Issues
Rep. Louise Slaughter is proud to serve as Vice-Chair of the Women's Caucus and Co-Chair of its Health Care Task
Force, a prominent voice for women's health in Congress. As an outspoken supporter of increased efforts in women's health research and services, she has worked throughout her entire career in Congress to educate her colleagues, women, and the public at large about the importance of these issues and to craft legislative initiatives to improve women's health.
Rep. Slaughter's activities on women's health have ranged from breast cancer research to genetic nondiscrimination to advocacy and education. As a member of the House Budget Committee in the early 1990s, she was responsible for securing passage of the first \$500 million dedicated to breast cancer research, as well as substantial increases in following years. She sponsored the first legislation dedicated to increasing education and research on diethylstilbestrol, or DES, an anti-miscarriage drug prescribed until 1971 that has had serious health consequences for many of the children exposed in utero. Rep. Slaughter's other project have addressed issues including female genital mutilation, women's environmental health, colorectal cancer, and eating disorders.
As a recognized leader on women's health issues, Rep. Slaughter has addressed such events and organizations as the National Institutes of Health's "Beyond Hunt Valley" conference to map the next five years of women's health research; the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; the American Jewish Conference; Business and Professiona Women; Healthy Women 2000's program, "Winning the War Against Cancer in Women;" the Huntington's Disease Society of America; the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; the American Psychological Association; Women in Government Relations; and the American Public Health Association. She serves as an unpaid advisory member on numerous women's health-related boards and committees, including Advisory Committees for the Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy Women 2000 initiative and the Einstein Institute for Science, Health and the Courts.

She has received a number of awards for her work on women's health, including the Society for Women's Health

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Promoting DES Research and Education. Rep. Slaughter sponsored the successfully-enacted DES Education and Research Amendments of 1993, providing for public health education, health professional training, and additional research on the long-term health effects of exposure to DES, a drug administered to women to prevent miscarriage but discovered to have devastating health consequences for many of the mothers and their children exposed in utero. She also authored follow-up legislation to extend and expand these programs, the DES Education and Research Amendments of 1997, which was passed and signed into law in October 1998.

Working to reduce the incidence of eating disorders. Rep. Slaughter secured passage of the Eating Disorders Information and Education Act, which was included in the 1998 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Departments funding legislation. Eating disorders information is now included in prominent federal health education campaigns such as healthfinder.gov, the National Women's Health Information Center, and GirlPower! Rep. Slaughter followed up by urging the Federal Trade Commission to establish consistent regulations for advertising in the commercial weight loss industry in order to reduce deceptive claims.

Fighting to prevent female genital mutilation. Rep. Slaughter requested a report from the Department of Health and Human Services on the continuing prevalence of female genital mutilation (FGM) in the United States in an attempt to find the best ways to discourage this practice. She has also been responsible for the passage of legislative language directing the Department of Health and Human Services to continue and intensify its efforts to educate immigrant communities in the U.S. about the health dangers posed by this practice.

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